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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE SALE OF GE MILITARY SUPERSONIC AIRCRAFT ENGINES
TO YUGOSLAVIA

REF : (A) STATE 75412, (B) CSAF MESSAGE 0857 OF JAN 28, 1976

1. GENERAL ELECTRIC HAS INFORMED EMBASSY THAT IT HAS SUBMITTED PROPOSAL TO THE FEDERAL SECRETARIAT FOR NATIONAL DEFENSE REGARDING THE SALE OF J-79 SUPERSONIC AIRCRAFT ENGINES (EXACT TYPE UNKNOWN) TO YUGOSLAVIA. THE ENGINES WOULD O SIMILAR TO THOSE USED IN THE F-4 AND F-105, AND WOULD BE USED IN A MILITARY AIRCRAFT TO BE DESIGNED AND PRODUCED BY YUGOSLAVIA. INITIALLY EIGHT TO TEN WOULD BE PURCHASED FOR A FLIGHT TEST PROGRAM WITH TOTAL POTENTIAL SALES REACHING 150. GE STATED THAT EXPORT LICENSE FOR DATA PACKAGE ALREADY APPROVED.

2. REFTEL A REPORTED THAT OMC LICENSE 8831 OF FEBRUARY 11, 1976 HAD BEEN GRANTED FOR YUGOSLAV AIRCRAFT ENGINE REQUIREMENT, BUT DID NOT SPECIFY MODEL OR TYPE. (NOTE THAT LEON APPOINTMENT REQUESTED N REFTEL WAS DISCOURAGED BY GE REP BECAUSE IT WOULD BE PREMATURE AND POSSIBLY COUNTER-PRODUCTIVE, CONSIDERING SENSITIVITY OF THE HUGOSLAVS REGARDING THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF THE TALKS.)

3. PRIOR TO DISCUSSIONS WITH GE, EMBASSY HAD
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RECEIVED REF B,

WHICH STATES

THAT YUGOSLAV REQUEST FOR PERMISSION TO PURCHASE
GENERAL ELECTRIC J-79/GE 19 ENGINES WAS NOT APPROVED. AT
THIS POINT, WE DO NOT KNOW IF THAT DECISION WAS CHANGED OR IF THE
ENGINE GE IS PROPOSING IS A DIFFERENT MODEL OF THE J-79.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASSY BE INFORMED OF ALL RELEVANT
DETAILS CONCERNING EXPORT LICENSES GRANTED OR THAT WASHINGTON
IS PREPARED TO GRANT FOR MILITARY SUPERSONIC AIRCRAFT
ENGINES AND DATA PACKAGES RELATING TO THESE ENGINES.
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